

REMARKS

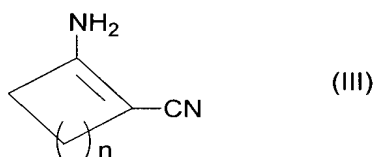
Claim 1-7 are pending in the application. By this amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to indicate that the intermediate is a 2-amino-1-cycloalkene-1-carbonitrile that has from 4 to 13 carbon atoms in the cycloalkene ring. Support for the amendment can be found at page 3, lines 17-21 of the specification.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that the term "intermediate" encompasses a great number of compounds while only one is disclosed in the specification.

Claim 1 has been amended to limit the intermediate to 2-amino-1-cycloalkene-1-carbonitriles that have from 4 to 13 carbon atoms in the cycloalkene ring. This intermediate is depicted in formula III on page 3 of the specification as:



in which n is an integer from 1 to 10. When n is from 1 to 10, the corresponding cycloalkene ring has from 4 to 13 carbon atoms in the cycloalkene ring.

As amended, the claimed process is readily ascertainable to one of ordinary skill in the art without undue experimentation. As such, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph should be withdrawn.

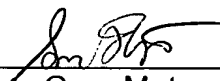
Conclusion

The claims, as amended, are in form for allowance.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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